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“The representative of religion has usually been characterized as a sombre joy-killing person without much of human understanding and human sympathy. I would, if I could, change this erroneous conception, indulged by youth, and substitute the glorious conceptions of abundant life and living, given to us by the Lord Jesus Christ.”—STEPHEN L. RICHARDS.

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SOLUTION TO PRESENT DAY PROBLEMS

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WHEN the Master was about to leave His disciples He thought upon their needs, and being possessed of the power to bestow precious gifts upon them—having created the earth itself, He held all things in His hands, and could speak and the very elements would obey His voice—selected to bestow, rather than a material or temporal blessing, a spiritual blessing as the choicest of His gifts, the gift of the Holy Ghost.

The blessings and benefits which this companionship brought to His disciples were clearly manifest in their lives following its reception, for He warned them to tarry at Jerusalem until this gift came unto them; and from meek, timorous, doubting men they became giants in the earth. Now alone, their Master gone, they faced the foe unafraid, declared Jesus Christ, suffered their own martyrdoms, and have won for themselves a place in the history of men that never would have been theirs without this marvellous gift.

In these latter days this gift, in connection with the restoration of the fulness of the Gospel, has been restored again to man. Divine authority to bestow it upon the children of men is in this Church, and the manifestations of that power—the gift of the Holy Ghost—have been revealed in the lives of the members of this Church. This day needs such a gift. We have reached a period, apparently, in our own history, when the wisdom of the wise has perished and the understanding of the prudent is hidden, and what we need is spiritual guidance, more than human

wisdom, for the wisest men have made the greatest mistakes. It is a time when, in the language of Paul addressing Timothy, whom he had himself brought into the fold of Christ, and upon whose head he had laid his hands, bestowing upon him this marvellous gift—Paul wrote :

Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear ; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

If there is one thing this generation is suffering from it is fear, but this gift will take away fear. It will bring power and increased love and make men of a sound mind. These are all qualities eminently needed to-day.

I grant you, my brethren and sisters, that our Heavenly Father is generous and good to His children all over the world. "There is a spirit in man, and the Spirit of God giveth it understanding," because we are all our Father's children. He is generous unto us to the extent of sending a limited portion of His Spirit to every soul and begets the conscience that pricks that soul when it does wrong and leads it to do right.

I listened to-day to an answer from an eminent divine speaking from New York to the question, "What is the Holy Spirit?" He attempted to explain the trinity of the Godhead as manifested in the person of the Father as Creator, in the person of the Christ as Redeemer, and in the Holy Spirit that touches the hearts of men, by saying that these were different manifestations of the same personage.

THE HOLY GHOST A PERSONAGE

That is not the conception of the Latter-day Saints. We speak with positiveness because of the revelations of God to man in this day. We believe in God the Eternal Father, that He is a personage separate and apart from His Son, and separate and apart from the Holy Ghost ; that in His image man was created. All who are first class witnesses, who have seen Him from the days of Adam until this day, bear the same testimony, that He is a personage in whose image man is created, and yet He can be everywhere present, not in person but in power.

The sun that gives us light is ninety-two million miles away. It is a tangible orb, can be weighed and measured and can occupy only one portion of space at a time, and yet from that orb comes the light that fills this vast space and reaches out and touches the whole solar system to which we belong, and every nook and corner is penetrated by that light. We are conscious of it by our physical eyes and our physical sensibilities. Just as that is true, it is equally true that God our Father, being a personage, can occupy only one portion of space at a time, and yet no matter how far remote from us, there emanates from His person a light

that fills the vast realm over which He presides, but which can only be discerned by spiritual sensibilities; spiritual eyes and spiritual ears may be conscious of that presence, and it does touch all men and women, and it is that spirit which prompts them to do good. His mission is presiding genius over all His creations, head and director of all.

There stands by His side His well beloved Son, Jesus Christ, the firstborn in the spirit, and the Only Begotten in the flesh, whose mission in the Godhead is the Saviour and Redeemer as well as Creator of the world under the Father. His mission and ministry, therefore, is definitely established, bearing His portion of the great responsibility resting upon this grand Trinity.

Then separate and apart, as distinct as is the Son from the Father, is the Holy Ghost, a personage of spirit. Jesus Christ never spoke of Him as "it" but always as "He." In the Book of Mormon we have an account of the brother of Jared seeing the Christ before His birth in mortality. He saw Him as a man and marvelled that He had a form and being like unto a man. Christ's answer was that this was the body of His spirit, and as He was seen then so should He appear among men in the flesh. I fancy that if one could see the Holy Ghost He would be very much like that vision which the brother of Jared saw.

I grant you that the Holy Ghost may manifest His presence in cloven tongues of fire; not that He assumes that form, but that essence which goes out from Him may assume the form of cloven tongues of fire or it may assume the form of a dove. But He Himself is forever and always in the form of God, a personage. His mission in this grand Trinity is to take up His abode with converted, baptized souls, and to establish a communion between the Father and the Son and those who have entered into covenant with God through the waters of baptism and the laying on of hands by one holding divine authority, to make the binding link and connection between this broadcasting station of heaven, and that person, for He speaks not of Himself, but whatsoever He hears that shall He speak unto human souls.

UNPARDONABLE SIN TO BETRAY THIS GIFT

This is a gift that Christ said the world could not receive. To sin against this gift is called the unpardonable sin.

Whosoever sinneth against the Father may be forgiven; likewise him who sinneth against the Son; but whosoever sinneth against the Holy Ghost shall not have forgiveness of sins in this world nor in the world to come.

Unto the Holy Ghost has been given the right and the privilege of manifesting the truth unto men as no other power will. So that when He makes a man see and know a thing he knows it better than he shall ever know anything else; and to sin against that knowledge is to sin against the greatest light there is, and

consequently commit the greatest sin there is. Now His ministry, I say, is to be a revelator of the Father. It is absolutely essential that those who are to receive His messages must be in tune.

There may be in your room a receiving set, known to us as a radio, but it is utterly impossible to receive messages from the broadcasting station unless one is in tune. This room is full of sounds to-day which we cannot hear with our physical ears. But men have devised ways and means by which those messages may be picked up. It is also full of inspiration that only spiritual faculties and powers may interpret and understand. When one gets out of tune, when one commits sin, it is difficult to receive these messages, and if the current is not strong the message is feeble, there is hardly any sound at all.

The difficulty perhaps with some of us is that we do need to stir up this gift of God that is within us and come into more perfect harmony with Him through keeping His commandments and refraining from that which gives offense to this Spirit, because it is the most sensitive Spirit there is in the world. He will not dwell in an unholy tabernacle, neither will He go into unholy places. We need to stir up this Spirit that is within us that our spiritual forces may be strong to receive and interpret messages. Just as it is essential that the physical body shall have both food and exercise to be strong, it is essential that the spirit that dwells within man, shall have both spiritual food and spiritual exercise.

NEED OF SPIRITUAL FOOD AND EXERCISE

We obtain spiritual food at the Sacrament table, where if we come with clean hands and pure heart, we eat and drink emblems blessed to the spirits of men, and there comes into us from that vast source of power spiritual life. We obtain it when we seek the Lord in prayer. When we close out the physical world and open the spiritual eyes and ears and knock and seek, we find spiritual life. There are other means also. We take on spiritual exercise when we are engaged in the service of the Lord, and we are in the service of the Lord when we are labouring for His sons and daughters, as teachers in the Primary, or the Sunday School, or the Priesthood quorums, whatever the capacity may be.

As I am labouring for the salvation of men I am engaged in spiritual exercise, and there is opportunity for every man and woman in this Church to have both spiritual food and spiritual exercise, and if I have reached a point of efficiency in both obtaining exercise as well as spiritual food I am spiritually strong enough to discern the messages that are coming.

I am sure that each one of us would give all we possess to stand for a moment in the presence of the Master and submit our problems to Him and ask advice what to do. And yet the privilege is extended to every member of this Church to come into the presence of the third member of the Godhead who is wise enough

to answer all of our questions and give the very guidance we need. Our difficulty is that perhaps we have not appreciated our opportunities and privileges nor have we embraced them as we should.

I should like to offer a suggestion or two to you, my brethren and sisters, as to the method by which this Spirit operates upon the spirit of man. I find the information in the ninth section of the book of the Doctrine and Covenants, in connection with the incident of Oliver Cowdery's attempt to translate a part of the Book of Mormon—translate into readable English those mysterious characters on the golden plates that came to the hands of Joseph Smith. All went well for a season, and then everything became darkness and he marvelled at it and inquired of the Lord as to the reason, and the answer is given in this section.

I will read just a word or two and point out the key that I think it contains :

Behold, you have not understood ; you have supposed that I would give it unto you, when you took no thought save it was to ask me.

But, behold, I say unto you, that you must study it out in your mind ; then you must ask me if it be right, and if it is right I will cause that your bosom shall burn within you ; therefore you shall feel that it is right.

But if it be not right you shall have no such feelings, but you shall have a stupor of thought that shall cause you to forget the thing which is wrong ; therefore, you cannot write that which is sacred save it be given you from me.

THE KEY TO OUR PROBLEMS

The key is in studying out our problems in our own minds with all the wisdom and knowledge which we possess, and with the wisdom of the family. This matter of succeeding after all in a material way is a small thing, or comes from very small matters, for material success is attained not through wisdom altogether, for some of the wisest men have made the greatest mistakes. Neither does it come from physical strength, because there are giants who, too, are paupers. Success comes from doing the right thing at the right time in the right way, and that is all there is to it. Some folks succeed because they have received wisdom beyond their own natural ability. Some folks say they get a "hunch" that this was the right thing to do, and this was the right time to do it. I do not like to speak of it in that language, but I do know that women often receive this intuition quicker than men. I remember it was through the intuition of mother Eve that life was actually introduced into the earth.

We say women have no reason for what they do only "just because." It is usually because they are right and they cannot often give the reason, only they feel it and know it. So with mother Eve. She did the thing by intuition that led to the unfoldment of God's purposes. The same thing was true with reference to another woman when Columbus was seeking aid to discover a new world. There was no man who believed in his

theory, but a woman believed. By her intuition, Queen Isabella was so convinced that she pawned her jewels to furnish the ships that made it possible to discover a new world. And so a woman's intuition is often of valuable assistance to a man, and I counsel brethren everywhere to talk over their problems, whether they are to buy or to sell, or to change their residence or their occupation—talk it over with your wife and get the benefit of her intuition; talk it over with the boys who are going to assist you with the problems, and then be united and agree on the answer whatever it is. Then go to the Lord with it. You have studied it out in your own mind and you are entitled to know whether that which you have decided to do is right or not. Submit it to the Lord, and His promise is that if it is right He will cause your bosom to burn within you. No angels will stand by you, you need no dreams or revelations, other than listening to the whisperings of that still small voice to your spirit. If that thing is right and your heart is right, and you have covenanted with the Lord that if He will bless you, you will remember His commandments and keep them; if He prospers you, you will pay your tithes and offerings, giving the Lord His just portion—if a man's heart is right and he goes to the Lord, submitting his problems, he is entitled to an answer. And if the thing is right your bosom will burn within you and a joy, a peace and a conviction will be within you and you will know that it is right. If it is not right you shall have no such feelings, but you shall have a stupor of thought and an uneasiness and an anxiety that you will not want to go ahead under those feelings.

MATERIAL PROBLEMS SOLVED

Then you must study it out again and again until you do get that approval. I give it to you as one of the aids that can be had even in the solution of material problems for your comforter, the Holy Ghost, knows what to-morrow holds, and He knows whether the plans you make will bring you success or misery and disappointment.

I believe, therefore, that the solution of the individual problems of to-day will come through individual inspiration and guidance to the man or woman who is serving God and keeping His commandments and seeking for this guidance. They will receive guidance and inspiration to know what to do. So much for the solution of the individual problems.

So far as the community is concerned, the Lord has submitted a plan by which the problems of the world may be solved economically through His Gospel. I am going to read a few verses from another revelation. The fifty-sixth section of the Doctrine and Covenants contains some very excellent advice to both rich and poor, and this is a good time to have the warning of the Lord Jesus Christ, given to suit just this very situation, and I

think if the Lord could speak to the whole earth to-day this is about what He would say :

Wo unto you rich men, that will not give your substance to the poor, for your riches will canker your souls, and this shall be your lamentation in the day of visitation, and of judgment, and of indignation : The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and my soul is not saved.

And He would also speak these words to the poor :

Wo unto you poor men, whose hearts are not broken, whose spirits are not contrite, and whose bellies are not satisfied, and whose hands are not stayed from laying hold upon other men's goods, whose eyes are full of greediness, and who will not labour with your own hands !

But blessed are the poor who are pure in heart, whose hearts are broken, and whose spirits are contrite, for they shall see the kingdom of God coming in power and great glory unto their deliverance.

The eternal deliverance of the poor shall be through the kingdom of God.

For the fatness of the earth shall be theirs.

For, behold, the Lord shall come and his recompense shall be with him, and he shall reward every man, and the poor shall rejoice ;

And their generations shall inherit the earth from generation to generation, forever and ever.

STEWARDS OF MATERIAL THINGS

“ What doth it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul ? ” We are here but a short period and are stewards while we are here of whatever material things come into our hands. How blind and shortsighted is the man who spends the major part of his days in accumulating that which he can possess but for a moment and then must leave it all, in contrast to the man who spends at least some portion of his time in accumulating that which he shall take with him forever and ever—his faith, his knowledge, his self-mastery and his discipline in subscribing to these eternal rules of living that govern in the kingdom of God, known as the Gospel of Jesus Christ. All this training, all this knowledge, goes with him forever.

The man who depends upon his wealth shall be left finally without it. Whether or not he is so unfortunate as to lose it in this life he shall leave it when he goes hence and may walk the streets of the spirit world the poorest beggar in the realm. In the time of trial the Lord cautions and warns the poor to stand patiently in their poverty and not become Bolsheviks. It matters not what experience we pass through as long as we keep sweet. It is only when we turn bitter and rail against Providence and become soured in our spirits that it matters and becomes fatal. Otherwise if we can be patient even in poverty and trial we are burning out the dross and the gold remains, and we are to be, as members of Christ's Church, patient even in trial and difficulty.

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EDITORIAL

ACCUMULATION OF EVIDENCE

THE British Medical Association has just concluded in London the holding of a convention commemorating the centenary of its birth. The period of its existence runs almost parallel with the revelation known as the Word of Wisdom, given to the Prophet Joseph Smith in the year 1833. In fact, its birth antedates this revelation by but a few months. It is remarkable how the great truths given in that revelation were confirmed in the subjects treated upon by the eminent scientists who addressed the convention referred to. This was especially true in the matter of diet, and the effect of foods on the health of the human body. By the discovery of the vitamins, the necessity of securing all the active principles of natural foods was made clear. "Too much meddling with the natural foods by millers and cooks" was declared against by one of the lecturers, in discussing the value of whole wheat flour, and the need of reform in the proper use of and preparation of food.

An enumeration was made at the convention of the diseases of the body affected, and in some cases cured, by proper dieting, which but a few years ago were considered necessarily operative. In fact, the rules given in the revelation for the proper mode of living, and the consequent protection of the body from sickness and disease, were confirmed in the talks given at this convention, by men of science, all of whom are undisputed authority on hygienic laws. They thereby become witnesses to the divine truths embodied in the Word of Wisdom, without any intention on their part, or even knowledge of its existence possibly.

The Word of Wisdom was given far in advance of anything suggested or even known by scientists. Tea, coffee, alcoholic drinks and tobacco, prescribed and used by medical men in those early days as curative agencies in the treatment of different forms of sickness and disease, were banned by this revelation as injurious to the body. Just why, was not known at that early date, "save that the Lord had commanded it." The fact that they contained poisonous ingredients, and, therefore, were detrimental to the human system, was not stated in so many words. "In consequence of evils," attached to their use, however, God revealed this knowledge almost in the very beginning of His work, "for the temporal salvation of all saints in the last days." Gradually, since that time, scientific investigations have shown

that poisonous and deleterious substances are contained in these forbidden articles, and medical men have ceased to further prescribe their use, thus unconsciously admitting the truth of a revelation which was at first ridiculed.

It is, therefore, interesting to note how the discoveries of modern scientists harmonize with the truths of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, as revealed through His Prophet in this age of the world. Surely Latter-day Saints will see in all this a strong testimony to the divinity of the plan of spiritual and temporal salvation which they have espoused, and live the Word of Wisdom as the Lord directs. He has told us the things we should eat, and the things we should abstain from using. He is the Creator of our tabernacles, and is the proper one to tell us how to take care of them. "And all saints who remember to keep and do these sayings, walking in obedience to the commandments, shall receive health in their navel, and marrow to their bones; and shall find wisdom and great treasures of knowledge, even hidden treasures; and shall run and not be weary, and shall walk and not faint. And I, the Lord, give unto them a promise, that the destroying angel shall pass by them, as the children of Israel, and not slay them."

Surely, with such promises as these, and the testimony of science confirming the truths embodied in the Word of Wisdom, every member in the Church will live for these choice blessings, and preserve their bodies as the Lord directs. None are too weak to do this, for the Lord Himself says the Word of Wisdom is "given for a principle with promise, adapted to the capacity of the weak, and the weakest of all saints, who are or can be called saints."—JAMES H. WALLIS.

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SOLUTION TO PRESENT DAY PROBLEMS

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In another revelation—I am reading from the one hundred and fourth section—the Lord said :

For it is expedient that I, the Lord should make every man accountable, as a steward, over earthly blessings, which I have made and prepared for my creatures.

I, the Lord, stretched out the heavens, and built the earth, my very handiwork; and all things therein are mine.

And it is my purpose to provide for my saints, for all things are mine.

But it must needs be done in mine own way; and behold this is the way that I, the Lord, have decreed to provide for my saints, that the poor shall be exalted, and that the rich are made low.

For the earth is full, and there is enough to spare; yea, I prepare all things, and have given unto the children of men to be agents unto themselves.

Therefore, if any man shall take of the abundance which I have made, and impart not his portion, according to the law of my gospel, unto the poor and the needy, he shall, with the wicked lift up his eyes in hell, being in torment.

We are stewards of the things of the earth that the Lord has provided, and He has provided them in abundance. No father among us would be happy if he saw some one of his own flesh and blood living in poverty, in rags, half-fed and half-clothed, while others of his own flesh and blood were living in luxury and on the fat of the land. Neither can our Father in heaven be happy having provided an abundance for all His children when He sees some of them in want and poverty and misery while others revel in luxury.

THE LORD'S PLAN NOT ACCEPTED

But the Lord's plan of distribution has not been accepted by the world. He did, however, give the plan to the Latter-day Saints by which there could be an equitable provision for the wants of the needy. In this Church He established as one means of making us feel a common bond of sympathy with each other, the Fast Day, and on the first Sunday of each month Latter-day Saints are expected to abstain from two meals, eating but once on that Sunday. Going without these meals gives us an appreciation of the feelings of the hungry. No man can sympathize with the hungry unless he too feels the pangs of hunger, and denying one's physical being food for at least two meals in the majority of instances is no injury to the physical body. It is said that more people die from over-eating than from starvation, and consequently abstaining from food gives the physical body a rest and is good for that body. If there is one thing this generation needs more than another it is the power of self-control.

I heard an eminent economist say that any people who had lost the power of self-control would presently lose civilization itself, I am sorry to say that in this nation, with intelligence sufficient to know what is good for men and what is not, that appetite is often stronger than intellect and will, and what we need is power of self-control, self-discipline, and mastery.

I know it is a physical test to deny the physical body food that it craves, but once a month there comes in the experience of every

faithful Latter-day Saint a real test to determine who is master of the house, this tabernacle of flesh and bones. Is the flesh master, or is the spirit controlling? Who is master? The flesh may rebel against the sacrifices imposed on it and may feel a physical weakness, but the spirit once a month asserts its supremacy over the flesh and has its way. The flesh is not injured by the experiment, the spirit gains ascendancy because it has its way, and spiritual power and control is accomplished. And then having thus brought ourselves into subjection we take what we have saved—the price of the two meals—and give it in the Lord's way. I do not go to the poor and hand it to them to humiliate them. The Lord provided that the right hand should not know what the left hand does. To give to those who are in poverty, and to bestow my gift immediately upon them tends to their humiliation, but when I give it to the bishop of the Church and he takes it to the worthy poor, the worthy poor know not from whence it comes, and those who give know not unto whom it goes. That is fulfilling to the very letter the spirit of giving as the Master Himself laid it down.

SYMPATHY THROUGH FASTING

And thus having awakened sympathy through fasting with the poor, I give what I have saved and relieve my feelings by actually giving. The whole blessing does not come by a little fasting. I should like to impress that upon you members of the Church who are listening to me this afternoon. We may fast, and that itself is beneficial, but the whole benefit does not come unless I give what I have saved, and thus justly and properly relieve my awakened feelings in the blessing of the poor. I am then entitled to the complete blessing.

One may read a piece of fiction wherein the hero or the heroine is in great distress and may be so stirred as to weep tears of sympathy over those afflicted. But unless I find someone in distress and minister to him or her, my awakened feelings do not find their proper relief. When I have fasted and have awakened sympathy with the hungry I find a complete relief by bestowing what I have saved for the benefit of those in distress. And then I get my spiritual reward by going to the testimony meeting, the most impressive meeting there is in the Church, and there with my spirit in tune, mastering and controlling the flesh, I am nearer to the Lord than upon any other occasion; and in the midst of friends who have had similar experiences we are entitled to and do enjoy the outpouring of His Spirit that inspires utterances that stir human hearts and strengthen poor, weak human souls; and we come away refreshed in spirit, and that refreshment is more glorious than any physical refreshments.

One of our difficulties is, however, to determine what the value of this material contribution should be, the equivalent of two

meals. Surely it would not be possible to provide the members of a household with a meal for less than 10 cents per individual. That would amount to 20 cents per individual per month. This would be the lowest cost, most of us spend much more. Take, for instance, this stake of Zion with ten thousand members, and should the average be twenty cents per individual per month, it would amount to two thousand dollars per month, and in the year it would amount to sufficient to take care of all the poor of this stake. Take the Church itself, in the stakes of Zion with more than five hundred thousand members. It would amount to one hundred thousand dollars per month, or more than a million dollars in a year. It would care for all the poor of this Church. That is the Lord's way, and it is a simple way in which every member contributes.

President Grant appealed to us last Sunday from this pulpit, saying that the time had come when the members of the Church should rally to the Lord's plan of providing for the sustenance of the poor, by observing righteously this Fast Day observance. It may be that some, lacking means, would have to resort to methods of early days, wherein they gave that which they had saved—butter, eggs, or other food—and that can be distributed to those who are in want and in need. We need not go elsewhere, we need not devise other plans or means than that which the Lord has provided. It is ample and adequate to-day if Latter-day Saints would use it.

EQUALIZATION OF WEALTH BY THE LAW OF TITHING

And then comes that other glorious plan of the Lord's in the equalization of wealth by the law of tithing. Before this was given the Lord gave us some knowledge concerning that perfect order that was established in the days of Enoch wherein there were no rich and no poor, and the people were perfect.

Christ was very much interested in the material welfare of the people. He began to establish that order while He was yet with men, both upon the eastern and western hemisphere. But the Lord knew that it would take a lot of training, and He had no sooner given us this plan than He gave us another which He called a schoolmaster, to train and prepare us to enter into this higher order. This schoolmaster is called the law of tithing—the most just taxation there is in the world to-day. That law of tithing is the Lord's rental. The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof. Do you owe Him anything? The man who rents a farm and pays twenty-five per cent. of all he can produce is not paying an exorbitant rental at all, and yet the man who owns the land cannot guarantee that the soil will produce; he does not guarantee that there shall be rain or snow, or that the sun will shine; that the frost will be stayed, or that the grain will germinate. You must depend upon someone else for these

greater blessings without which, no matter how excellent the soil may be, it is worth little more than an ash heap.

Do men owe someone else, therefore, besides the owner of the land? Yes, we owe something to Him who makes the rain to fall and the snow to be deposited in the mountains to furnish us with the moisture to bring forth the fruits of the soil. We owe someone for the glorious sun that shines, without which we would all presently perish; for the air we breathe. He is the proprietor, and He established in the very beginning His proprietorship and man's tenancy of the earth, by asking that we pay a tithing. How generous He is! A tenth of all we obtain is a tithe to the Lord, acknowledging Him as the proprietor, and thus providing means for His work and the care of His dependents as well. It is perfectly just.

I am sure that every member of this Church hopes and expects to live forever in the celestial kingdom of God, which shall be this earth in its redeemed and sanctified and glorified condition. Who shall have an inheritance, and who shall enter in and claim his possession? Surely not he who has failed in the payment of his rental, for the law of inheritance is established upon the law of tithing, and the man who has paid his honest tithing is establishing a right, is entitled to an eternal inheritance in that celestial world.

PAYMENT OF HONEST TITHING

So when the Latter-day Saints have perfected themselves in the payment of their honest tithing, paying it in the time and season—though some may feel that their tithe is almost too small, remember the widow's mite, remember that if it is difficult now for us to give a tenth unto the Lord we need His blessing as never before, and I promise every man and woman who will pay an honest tithing, even in their poverty, they can claim the blessings of God, and He will open the windows of heaven and pour out blessings that we shall not have room to contain. And they may not all be temporal, some will be spiritual.

We have discovered that those of the Church to-day who are in need and in want, the vast majority of them have failed in the payment of their tithes and offerings. God bless them with faith to claim His blessings through observing His method. Even the poor are to fast and save that which they would have consumed, that it may be redistributed if necessary for the benefit and blessing of those who are in want.

Now, brethren and sisters, let us not be led away by some other scheme than the Lord's plan, for there are those who would run ahead of the Church. Yes, the Lord's plan will come in due time, but we will not enter into the United Order until the saints have been under the schoolmaster long enough to be trained. The difficulty with many of us is we have been playing truant, we

have not been to school at all; we have not learned the first lessons of the law of tithing. When the right time comes the inspiration will rest upon the prophet of the Lord, and he will tell the people when the right time comes to enter into this thing that will ultimately make for universal brotherhood and the solution of our problems. In the meantime let no one be deceived or led astray by some other scheme. The Lord's plan is the method. God help us to believe it and accept it and find individual relief through spiritual guidance and ample supply for the care of the poor and those who are dependent.

WORD OF WISDOM CONTAINED IN THE SCRIPTURE

In conclusion, I am going to read just a word of warning from the forty-sixth section of the book of the Doctrine and Covenants. Because Latter-day Saints need the inspiration that comes from the guidance of the Holy Ghost, to detect the truth, to discover error and refrain from following after it, and to detect evil spirits, for as the apostles said in the last days false Christs and false prophets shall arise, and shall show signs and wonders, to seduce if it were possible even the very elect. There are signs and wonders, and the enemy is at work to deceive. Giving revelations? Yes, false revelations to deceive. Let me read this word of warning from the forty-sixth section of the Doctrine and Covenants:

But ye are commanded in all things to ask of God, who giveth liberally; and that which the Spirit testifies unto you even so I would that ye should do in all holiness of heart, walking uprightly before me, considering the end of your salvation, doing all things with prayer and thanksgiving, that ye may not be seduced by evil spirits, or doctrines of devils, or the commandments of men; for some are of men, and others of devils.

Wherefore, beware lest ye are deceived; and that ye may not be deceived seek ye earnestly the best gifts, always remembering for what they are given;

For verily I say unto you, they are given for the benefit of those who love me and keep all my commandments, and him that seeketh so to do; that all may be benefited that seek or that ask of me, that ask and not for a sign that they may consume it upon their lusts.

God help us to discover the frauds and the deceptions that would lead us into pitfalls and by-tracks, and may He keep us still loyal to the Lord's leadership and plan, and we shall see the salvation of His work and the solution of the present problems, for the kingdom of God is coming in power and great glory to their deliverance. God help us to continue to believe it, I pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.—(Address delivered in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, Utah, U.S.A., June 19th, 1932.)

LOWESTOFT SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN

DURING the week of July 10th, the members of the Sunday School and Primary of the Lowestoft Branch, Norwich District, were featured in three special gatherings. On Sunday evening the children elaborated very successfully the theme of "Prayer." An appreciative audience of over one hundred people were in attendance. Monday evening the same group of youthful entertainers staged a combined social and programme which was also exceptionally well attended. The proceeds of this occasion were used to aid in defraying the expenses connected with the annual



LOWESTOFT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School outing which was held Thursday, July 14th, being a fitting climax to the week's activities. The party, consisting of one hundred and twelve people, travelled into the country, where they spent a happy day playing games and engaging in exhilarating competition.

FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Transfer and Appointment: President Robert C. Neslen of the Sheffield District was transferred to the London District, and appointed president of that district, on July 27th.

Releases and Departures: The following missionaries were honourably released July 30th, from their labours in the British Mission to return to their homes in America: Elder A. Ray Curtis of the Nottingham and president of the Scottish Districts, Elder Marion J. Olsen of the Hull and Welsh Districts, and Elder Carl Condie of the Manchester and Scottish Districts, all of whom will sail aboard the *Manhattan*, August 25th. Elder Robert J. Smith of the Newcastle and Birmingham Districts, will sail aboard the *President Harding*, August 18th.

NATURE SPEAKS

(Winning poem of the London and Birmingham District Competition.)

How can men say there is no God
And see what springeth from the sod,
Where hand of man has never sown,
Where only birds and bees have flown.

Each day brings forth some wonder new,
That seems to say—God lives, 'tis true ;
Each day most surely follows night,
And after darkness comes the light.

And birds with beauteous plumage rare,
And lovely flowers beyond compare,
And trees that stand up straight and tall,
Tells one that God is over all.

The raging torrent seems to say,
“ A higher power I obey ; ”
And babbling brook and flowing stream
All whisper God is more than dream.

E'en in the glare of sun at noon,
In twinkling stars and glowing moon,
In thunder storm and wind so keen,
The hand of God is clearly seen.

In solitude of woodland grove,
Wherever men desire to rove,
Where life of any sort is found,
God's Spirit always hovers round.

Throughout all nature one can see
Order, law and majesty,
Evidence of higher hand
Than man is able to command.

Each season follows in its course,
Belief in God seems to enforce ;
In all the world where'er one seeks,
God lives ! God lives ! 'Tis nature speaks.

CATHERINE L. M. HORNER, South London Branch.

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